
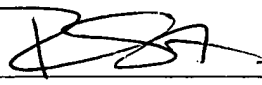


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Invention: THE LACTOSE OPERON OF LACTOBACILLUS DELBRUEKII AND ITS USE FOR CONTROLLING GENE TRANSCRIPTION AND/OR EXPRESSION IN BACTERIAL CELLS					
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.